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Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த வைகை திட்டத்தினுல் எந்த எந்த பிரதேசங்கள் பயனடையும் என்று முடிவு செய்வதற்கு முன்பாகவே இந்தத் திட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு எப்படி சர்க்கார் முன் வந்தார்கள் ?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, the scheme has to be finally settled. The construction of the dam is sanctioned; but then the scope of the scheme has to be investigated and finally settled. There is nothing which prevents us from taking up the scheme."

Sri P. CHELLATHURAI :—" இன்னும் ஆறு மாத காலத்திற்குள்ளாவது இந்தத் திட்டத்தினுல் எந்தெந்த பிரதேசங்கள் பயனடையும் என்ற முடிவு அறிவிக்க முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Mȧy be within fifteen days or may not be within two years also."

Census of land holdings.

* 238 *Q*.—Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri B. R. M. Muthu Thevar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are taking any steps to take stock of the extent of lands owned by landowners in the Madras Presidency as contemplated in the general circular issued by the Central Government recently?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. The Government have issued instructions to carry out a pilot census of land holdings and cultivation in a few villages of selected districts and the question of carrying out the census in the entire State will be decided after the results of the pilot census are known."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, may we know the basis on which the land is to be classified? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no question of calculation or classification, Sir. An attempt is made to find out the nature of the holdings, the extent of the holdings, the tenure and all other details."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, which are the areas that the Government are now investigating? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I am not able to say that straightway. It has not been finally settled. If a separate question is put, I shall try to answer."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, has the Hon. Minister included in these pilot schemes *re*. the statistics to be collected, the extent of the possession of the holdings by various tenants also? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, all that will come under that scheme."

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SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Sir, may I know whether this attempt is made with a view to introducing land reforms in these regions? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, that will help land reforms also."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM—" பிற்காலத்தில் நிலச்சீர்திருத்தச் சட்டம் வரப்போகிறது என்று கருதிய காரணத்தினால், அதிகப்படியான நிலமுள்ளவர்கள், தங்கள் பிள்ளைகளுக்கும் பேரப்பிள்ளைகளுக்கும் நிலங்களை எழுதிவைப்பது, சர்க்காருக்குத்தெரியுமா ? இது சம்பந்தமாக என்ன நடவடிக்கையை சர்க்கார் எடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, why should Government take any steps against that. For, one of the recommendations of the Land Reforms Committee is to put a ceiling. If the people themselves distribute lands and thereby fulfil the object of fixing a ceiling, then it is so much the better."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know how many officers have been appointed in this behalf to collect statistics, etc., so that one can understand whether the Government are serious about this matter or whether they have taken only a nominal step? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, it is not a nominal step, but it is a substantial step. Now, one Assistant or Additional Secretary of the Revenue Department is deputed for this purpose and he will have his own staff. But it is all a matter of detail."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, is the contemplated census confined to a single district or will it be spread over to the various districts, because land tenure system differs from district to district? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I see the object of the hon. Member and I can say that there will be selection of districts. It will not be confined to any single district."

Income from taxes on motor vehicles in Malabar.

* 239 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total income derived by the Government in the Malabar district as taxation from motor vehicles during the year 1952–53; and

(*b*) the total expenditure for the maintenance of roads in Malabar during the same period?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The total receipts under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931, and the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952, in the Malabar district during 1952–53 were Rs. 28,68,480.

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"(b) The expenditure incurred on roads in the district during the period was Rs. 1,68,725 on National Highways, Rupees 27,62,840 on Government roads other than National Highways and Rs. 13,04,316 by the local bodies."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there will be heavy rains for about six months in Malabar, why should not the Government repair and maintain the roads properly?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid, Sir, this question must be addressed to some other colleague of mine."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, from the answer given by the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour, are we to understand that the whole income from motor taxation is diverted to roads? Will the Hon. Minister consider diverting part of the income from the taxation on motor transport to public conveniences at important bus junctions?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member presumably refers to the terminii."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the general request has been—not only from parties in this State and the public in this State but all over India—that the States should spend as much money as they recover from these taxes at least on the maintenance of roads. In our State, the total income from motor vehicles taxation is about Rs. 3 crores and we spend about Rs. 7 crores on roads and that is why the Government of India though they classified this State as receiving the highest tax from motor vehicles, have exonerated us because of the fact that we spend much more on roads."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister narrated the amount of expenditure under various heads. Will he be pleased to tell the House the assistance he received from the Centre in this connexion?" 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have not got the figures. I am only answering the question that was asked and the question of assistance from the Centre does not arise out of that question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" From the figures submitted by the Hon. Minister, it is found that in the district of Malabar a larger amount is spent on the maintenance of roads than the receipts under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, and the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act. In other districts, especially in the City of Madras, the receipts are more and the maintenance charges are less. The aid which the Government give to the Corporation of Madras for the maintenance of roads is comparatively very low. What is the view of the Government regarding the plea for more assistance urged by the deputation from the Corporation of Madras which waited upon the Hon. Minister?"